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# BAR HILL NEWSLETTER

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The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents.

## New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Kay, 57 Pheasant Rise; Mr. and Mrs. Bone, 98 Pheasant Rise.

## Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Esmond, 24 Hanover Housing, would like to thank all their friends and neighbours in Hanover House and the Newcomers group for the lovely flowers which made their day on their Golden Wedding.

## Health Centre

Monday Dr. Ballantine, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dr. Swan, 2.50 p.m. to 3.30
Tuesday Dr. Pease, 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.; Dr. Anderson, 4.15 to 5 p.m.
Wednesday Dr. Pease 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.
Thursday Dr. Ballantine, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.
Friday Dr. Pease 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. Telephone: 80442 (9 - 1, 2 - 5)

Family Planning: first clinic 25th September, then every fortnight (6.30 p.m.)
Child Health Clinic 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 2.0 p.m.

## 8 o'Clock Club

On Thursday, 4th October we shall be having a Bamix Food Mixer demonstration, and on Thursday, 18th an informal coffee evening. Both meetings start at 8 p.m. in the School, and any ladies interested are most welcome to attend.

## Nearly New

** It is planned to hold a Nearly New Stall in the Church Centre on Wednesday, 3rd October between 10.30 and noon, and also on the first Wednesday of each month at the Coffee Bar mornings. So if you have any clothes you would like to sell (adults' or children's), will you please price them and bring them along to the Church Centre on the day of the sale. 25% of the proceeds will be for the Church Centre and 75% for you. We would be prepared to keep anything unsold for 6 months before either returning them or giving them to a jumble sale. If you haven't anything to sell, come and have a cup of coffee.

## Harvest Supper

Bar Hill Annual Harvest Supper will be held at the Church Centre next Sunday, 7th October, 8 to 11 p.m. Good food and music for dancing are provided. Tickets 60p, or 40p for Senior Citizens and Young Folk.

Last year a full house of 150 residents had a very happy evening. We hope as many as possible will come this year. Tickets are available from Valerie Page, 39 Partridge Drive, Gill Read-Jones, 23 Fox Hollow, Heather Fudge, 22 Acorn Avenue.

## Newcomers

Our October dates are 11th with a talk on Dentistry by Mr. Cassim, and 25th, when Dr. Pease will be here for a talk on Health Checks for Women etc. Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, and start at 2 p.m. with time for coffee afterwards; there is a Creche for the under 5's. Please come, all very welcome.

## Missing

Black kitten ("Ozzie") aged 5 months. Any news of him to Temple, 9 Almond Grove, please.

## Duplicating Service

The Church Centre is prepared to provide a duplicating service for groups that meet within Bar Hill Village. Details, including the cost of the service, can be obtained from the Church Secretary, Mrs. P. Lakin, 22 Almond Grove (80222)

## Bar Hill Church Jumble Sale

Saturday, 24th November at Arbury Junior School: arrangements for collection will be published in the November edition of the Newsletter.

## Plant a Tree in 73

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Horticultural Society, invites individual residents and Village organisations to participate in Plant a Tree Year.
The Parish Council has a tree planting plan which has been prepared by the Trees and Woodlands Officer at Shire Hall. This planting will be quite apart from the landscaping to be carried out by the developers and is in no way relieving the development company of their obligations. We believe, however, that additional planting round the perimeter road and on the Village Green will considerably enhance the appearance of our Village.
The Parish Council has therefore established a special "Tree Fund" and the money received will be used to purchase trees which will be planted in accordance with the plan and under the supervision of the Horticultural Society Committee.
Donations of any value will be welcomed, but you may like to bear in mind that the average cost of a tree is £2.
Donations should be sent to Tony Parrott, 2 Acorn Avenue.

## Playgroup

For those of you who are new to the Village, the Playgroup operates five mornings and two afternoons (Tuesday and Wednesday) in the Church Centre. We charge 23p per session of two and a half hours.
We very much believe in mother-involvement in our playgroup, and most mothers are asked to help at playgroup once a fortnight some time during their child's time with us. We do not expect mothers to help immediately their child starts playgroup, as all children need time to settle in, but we appreciate all help given to us, because without it it would be impossible for us to function.
We have several vacancies this term, and anyone wanting further information should contact Janet Hook, 23 Almond Grove (80352) or Janet Bishop, 18 Acorn Avenue (80231), or call in at Playgroup between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

## Required Urgently: Clerk to the Parish Council

This ancient and interesting post can be held by any adult resident in the Village. The Clerk is required to attend all Meetings of the Council (usually once a month), to keep the Minutes of the Meetings and deal with the correspondence. If the applicant wishes, the jobs of Clerk and Treasurer could be separated. With the post goes a salary of not less than £80 a year and this will increase as the Village grows. If anyone is interested, further details can be obtained from the Clerk at 2 Acorn Avenue (80329), to whom applications should be returned.

T. Parrott

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Readers will see elsewhere in this Newsletter that I have resigned as Chairman of the Parish Council and that Rodney Dale has been elected to take my place.

When I was elected to the District Council, I realised that it would be difficult to do justice to both jobs and it was my intention to stand down as Chairman at the Annual Parish Meeting next March. My District Council commitments are already building up however, and as we now have two new parish councillors and we are about to appoint a new Clerk, it seems sensible for me to resign now so that the new team can settle down as quickly as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my warmest thanks to my fellow councillors and to Tony Parrott, the Clerk, for the way they have supported me over the past two and half years, and to give my best wishes to Rodney for a successful term of office.

I shall of course be remaining on the Parish Council and acting as a link between it and the new District Council which takes over from Chesterton Rural District Council on April 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Lakin

## Camera Club

For those who have recently moved into the Village, we are a small band of enthusiasts who have formed a club in order to exchange views and learn more about our hobby. We are not all experts with large quantities of equipment, so if you are at all interested don't be shy - drop in. 12th October: first meeting of the school year - taking stock and making plans for the season, also showing some Kodak slides, well worth seeing. 9th November We have invited an expert on portrait photography to show us how it's done.

## A Superstore in Bar Hill: Survey Results

A total of 786 replies were obtained and the total adult population of the Village was estimated as 908. Therefore 86.6% of the estimated adult population gave their views. The percentages shown below are for those interviewed; the percentage in brackets is the percentage of the estimated adult population. Thank you for participating.

(1) Proportion of residents in favour of the superstore as proposed: 12.3% (10.7%)
(2) Proportion of residents against the superstore as proposed: 85.8% (74.2%)
(3) Proportion wanting a superstore, but not on proposed site: 41.5% (35.9%)
(4) Proportion wanting site across spine path from site proposed: 4.5% (3.9%)
(5) Proportion wanting site across the perimeter road, in warehouse area: 35.1% (30.4%)
(6) Proportion who do not want a superstore anywhere in Bar Hill: 44.3% (38.3%).

## Parish Council Report, September 1973

Policing of Bar Hill Sgt. Peck (Mid-Anglia Constabulary, Girton division) reported to the meeting: the Village is patrolled by the Longstanton constable, and by car patrols; we are unlikely to have a resident constable for some time; in the event of alarm or difficulty it is advisable to use the '999' system. Councillors asked if anything could be done to reduce the noise made by customers leaving The Fox late in the evening.

Planning Applications The County Planning Committee has refused the application to retain the flagpoles along the entrance road. The Parish can use the Hut as a Pavilion until June '74. McCulloch's can display a double-sided illuminated sign in the Arcade. Two applications were rejected because the A604 junction is becoming overloaded.

The Parish Council agreed that Mr. Green, 20 Oatlands Ave., may install a dormer window; Patrick Stephens may erect a company symbol on their warehouse; Bar Hill Developments may tip soil alongside the A604 to form a screen for the Industrial Area.

Signs Highway signs will be erected at the entrance to the Village once the access and perimeter roads have been adopted. The Developers are undertaking a review of other signs in the Village and the Council is pressing for a comprehensive sign posting scheme for the whole Village.

Chairman of the Parish Council On the resignation of Mr. Lakin, Mr. Dale of 16 Almond Grove was elected Chairman.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 16th October at 8 p.m. in the School.

T. Parrott, Clerk

## BHRA: From the Secretary's Notepad

Superstore Survey Our thanks are due to John Wills and his band of helpers for the very proficient way the survey was carried out, and to you the residents for your help in resolving this important question. Copies of the results have been sent to: Mr. Francis Pym, M.P., the County Planning Committee, Bar Hill Developments Ltd. and the Cambridge Evening News. The BHRA Committee and Parish Council met the Developers to discuss the published results; objections to the size and proposed site of the superstore were outlined. A prospective tenant, Pricerite (no connection with Key Markets) had favoured a site between the A604 and perimeter road as attracting casual trade, but had been persuaded that the Village centre site was preferable, as benefiting existing shops. The Developers promised the RA more detailed information about the workings of the superstore, and to try to satisfy as many people as possible. The RA and Parish Council will meet to determine amenity areas required in the Village Centre; the Developers said they would attempt to incorporate these requirements into their proposals and would submit these and their own alternatives to the Parish Council before seeking permission.

Fireworks The Committee will be making a house-to-house collection to raise money needed to purchase fireworks. A deposit from BHRA funds will secure the order early. We suggest starting at 6.30 p.m. so that as many children as possible can come. Details later.

Dance Due to unforeseen circumstances the date has now been put back to Saturday, 17th November. Tickets will be available later this month.

Kevin Read-Jones

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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BAR HILL AND SWAVESEY

| AGE | PLACE | TIME | ACTIVITY | LEADER |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8-11 boys + girls | CHURCH CENTRE | 6.30-7.30 THURSDAY | THURSDAY CLUB after school club for younger members | Mr. R. Meadows 8, Almond Grove |
| 7-10 girls | BAR HILL SCHOOL | 6-7p.m. MONDAY and FRIDAY | BROWNIES | Mrs. M. Harbottle 32 Partridge Drive Mrs. B. Chamberlain 16 Robin Close |
| 8-11 boys | CHURCH CENTRE | 6.30-7.45 FRIDAY | CUBS | Mr. J. Craske 34 Partridge Drive (80570) |
| 1st and 2nd year sec. school pupils | CHURCH CENTRE | 7-9 MONDAY | JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB | Mrs. K. McIlhagga 19 Acorn Avenue (80331) |
| 3rd year upwards | CHURCH CENTRE | 7.30-10 THURSDAY | YOUTH CLUB | Miss E. Birch c/o Swavesey Village College (30373) |
| (It is hoped to hold a Disco on the 2nd Friday of the month) | | | | |
| 12+ girls | BAR HILL SCHOOL | 6.30-8 TUESDAY | GUIDES | Mrs. J. Wilkins 6 Almond Grove |

N.B. There is no Scout Troop in Bar Hill at present. Contact Mr. D. Wilkins, 6 Almond Grove, for information about nearby troops.

For information about the Junior Section of the Badminton Club contact Mr. T. Simpson at Bar Hill School.

### SWAVESEY YOUTH CENTRE

Buses run from Bar Hill Shopping Centre on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to the purpose built Youth Centre at Swavesey Village College, in whose catchment area Bar Hill is situated. These leave Bar Hill at 7.02 p.m. and return from Swavesey Village College leaving at 9.35 p.m. The activities at the Youth Centre, which include table tennis, darts, judo, swimming, car mechanics, art, drama, films, billiards, football, etc., are open to all in the 3rd year and upwards at any secondary school. Wednesday is younger Members Night when those in the 2nd year are also welcome. Fridays are social evenings or discos. For further details:

The Youth Tutor,
Swavesey Village College.

### Evening Classes

If you haven't yet enrolled, there is still time to do so for the following exciting courses put on by Swavesey V. C. and the University Extra-Mural Board:
At Bar Hill School (1) History of Painting, Renaissance to Present Day. Weds. 7.30 to 9.30. 20 illustrated lectures, visits to Fitzwilliam, National and Tate Galleries (2) "Manners, Morals and the Victorians", Thurs. 7.45-9.45: 20 classes to discuss literature and attitudes of the period. At Swavesey "Psychology of Everyday Life": topics include family, work, social roles and strain, groups, communications, deviance - of interest to parents, teachers, social and voluntary workers. 10 lectures. Bus leaves Key Markets 7.02, returns 10.00. (Fees: £2.30 20 sessions, £1.50 10 sessions).